

Dr. Le Conte offered the following resolutions, which were read, considered and adopted:—

Resolved, That the Society receives, with much gratification, the announcement made by Dr. Isaac I. Hayes, of his purpose to attempt a further exploration of the Arctic regions, and, if practicable, to reach the north pole of the earth.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Society such an exploration merits the zealous co-operation of the scientific men of the United States, and that at a convenient time, the Society will communicate to Dr. Hayes such suggestions respecting the promotion of its objects as may be considered useful.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to co-operate with the committee recently appointed with reference to this subject by the American Association for the Advancement of Science; and to take such measures, from time to time, on behalf of this Society, as shall be deemed expedient.

The committee appointed under the above resolution consists of Prof. Frazer, Prof. Cresson, Mr. Colwell, Mr. Foulke and Dr. R. E. Rogers.

Stated Meeting, May 21.

Present, nineteen members.

Dr. DUNGLISON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

A letter was read from Prof. John F. Frazer, dated May 8, 1858, expressing his regret at being obliged to decline the honour of serving on the committee appointed at last meeting in relation to the proposed attempt of Dr. I. I. Hayes to make a further exploration of the Arctic regions.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Almanaque Náutico para 1859. Cadiz, 1857. 8vo.—*From the Observatory.*

Osservazioni ai nuovi sforzi fatti dal belli a difesa dei due esperimenti contro la simultanea esistenza di due opposte correnti elettriche, &c. Nota 2, del Prof. Zantedeschi. Vienna, 1858. (8 pp.) 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Researches on Primary Pathology and the Origin and Laws of Epidemics, in 2 vols. By M. L. Knapp, M.D.. Philadelphia, 1858. (650 pp.) 8vo.—*From the Author.*

The Committee on the Distribution of Lunatic Hospital Reports. By E. Jarvis, M.D. Dorchester, 1857. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Proceedings of the Boston Society of Natural History. Vol. VI. No. 22. April, 1853.—*From the Society.*

Bulletin de la Société de Géographie, rédigé par M. A. Maury et M. V. A. Malte Brun. 4 Ser. T. XIV. Paris, 1857. (548 pp.) 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Prof. Cresson announced the death of Dr. Robert Hare, a member of this Society, which occurred on the 15th instant, in the 78th year of his age.

Mr. Lesley referred to a paper read by him before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, at their late meeting in Baltimore; and, in connection with this, read some remarks upon "the insensible gradation of words in comparative philology."

On motion, Prof. Frazer was excused from serving on the committee appointed at last meeting, in relation to the proposed attempt at further Arctic exploration by Dr. I. I. Hayes, and Dr. Ruschenberger was appointed as a member of the committee.

Stated Meeting, June 18.

Present, twelve members.

Prof. CRESSON Vice-President, in the Chair.

Letters were read:—

From the Imperial Geological Institute, dated Vienna, May 20, 1857:—from the Etat Major of the Corps of Mining Engineers of Russia, dated St. Petersburg, May 15–27, 1857: from the Imperial Society of Naturalists of Moscow, dated July 1–13, 1857; from the Zoological Society of Amsterdam, dated Nov. 1857: and from the Directors of the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, dated May 6, 1858, severally announcing donations for the library:—

From the Royal Prussian Academy of Sciences, dated Berlin,